

## **Service Academy Nomination Packet**

Dear Constituent,

Thank you for your interest in a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. Enclosed is my application form which must be **completed and returned to my Palo Alto District Office by October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Please note that you must provide all of the following items with your application form to be considered for a nomination:**

- ☐ A completed application
- ☐ A copy of your SAT1 or ACT scores (score report codes: SAT 4141; ACT 7257)
- ☐ An official high school transcript
- ☐ Three letters of recommendation  
(with at least one completed by an official at your school)
- ☐ A 4 inch by 6 inch photo of yourself

Please compile all the above listed items into one packet. Once compiled, **make four copies of your original application packet** and mail or FedEx the original application packet, along with the four copies to me.

All these items should be received in my District Office at 698 Emerson Street, Palo Alto, California, 94301 (Attn: Baltazar Lopez) no later than October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Your high school counseling office may be able to assist you with your application.

If you have not already requested an application packet from the Service Academy of your choice, please do so. The application for a nomination is separate from the Academy application process, so you must make sure you complete both. The Academy admissions office will send you a packet on the academic, extracurricular and military aspects of its program, and will request information from you for their Candidate Pre-Selection Evaluation. This information should be sent directly to the Academy. All qualified candidates will be scheduled for an interview on a day to be determined with the Service Academy Review Board that I have designated to assist me with the nomination process. The interview affords you an opportunity to talk with the panel about your interest in the Academy and your qualifications for a nomination. The interview will also provide you with an opportunity to present dimensions of yourself that are not easily communicated on an application form.

Once we have completed all of the interviews, the Service Academy Review Board will submit its recommendations to me. After reviewing these recommendations and the application packet of each candidate, I will forward my nominations to the Academies. I will submit these

nominations no later than December and you can expect notification from my office on your status shortly thereafter. The Academies will schedule medical examinations for all nominees upon receipt of the nominations. Nominees will be notified of their acceptance or disqualification by the academy during the first five months of 2020.

The law requires that candidates to the Service Academies be at least 17 years old and not yet 23 years old on July 1st of the year the candidate would enter an academy (25 years old for USMMA), that they be United States citizens, unmarried, and have no dependents. In addition, the Academies look for candidates of good scholarship with strong backgrounds in math and science, leadership potential and physical aptitude. Medical fitness and a motivation toward a military career immediately following graduation are also important. Each of the Academies has established a minority admissions office to identify and encourage applications from minority students who might not otherwise consider applying to an academy.

Please understand that the decision to attend a Service Academy is a serious one and requires a strong personal commitment from you to serve our country in this capacity. The Academies challenge students physically, mentally and emotionally. Advice from family, friends, educational counselors and others may be helpful to you, but ultimately you must make for yourself this important decision that may affect your entire career.

I hope I have answered your questions about the nomination process I will be utilizing. Please contact my Palo Alto District Office for additional information or assistance. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anna Eshoo", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress

Enclosure

*18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California*  
*Application for Congressional Nomination to a United States Service Academy*

*This application is comprised of five (5) pages. Please be sure to read and complete each.*

**Academy Choice**

Please indicate the Academy to which you are seeking a nomination. Each applicant is allowed to **request nomination to one Academy only.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military Academy (West Point) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Merchant Marine Academy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis)     | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force Academy       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard Academy           |   |

**Applicant Personal Information**

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Full name: (last, first, middle)

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Birthdate: (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Social Security Number:

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Permanent address: (street, city, zip code)

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Mailing address: (street, city, zip code)

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Telephone number:

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Email address:

U.S. Citizen: Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in school:\_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA:\_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank:\_\_\_\_\_

Highest SAT or ACT

Score:\_\_\_\_\_ Date of exam:\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date:\_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular activities

(athletics, hobbies, community involvement, etc.)

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Work experience

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Please list any awards or special commendations that you have received

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**Please list any medical conditions requiring special attention**

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## Parent/Guardian Information

Full name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Is one or both of your Parents/Guardians a graduate of a U.S. Service Academy? (if yes, please list)

Is there a member of your family who is currently serving, or has previously served in the military?

## Nomination Information

Have you requested a preliminary candidate questionnaire from the Academy of your choice?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Have you requested a nomination from any other source, i.e., U.S. Senators, the President, or Vice President? If so, please list.

## Essays

*Please answer the following questions in essay form, single-spaced and on no more than one page each:*

1. Describe a challenging experience you have had, explain how you overcame it, and what you learned about yourself in the process.
2. For what reasons would you like to attend the Service Academy you have indicated instead of a civilian university?

## POLICY REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS APPLICATION

If you wish to request a change to this application (i.e., a request for a different interview, submission of different essays, or other substantial changes), you must submit your request in writing, with your signature and date. All such requests will be reviewed by Rep. Eshoo, and will be approved or disapproved at her discretion.

### Signature

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's name), *the undersigned*, certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also have read and understand the above policy regarding changes to this application.

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(Applicant's signature)

(Date)

If you have any questions, please contact Baltazar Lopez at (650) 323-2984 or by emailing [service.academy@mail.house.gov](mailto:service.academy@mail.house.gov), with email subject line: Military Academy applicant (Your Name).